

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-16 and 36 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 8, 13 and 36 have been amended, claims 7 and 12 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 7, 12, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,388,293 to Ogura and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,785,165 to Kawahara.

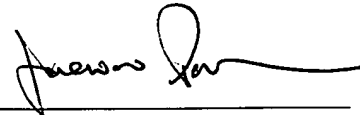
Claims 1-5, 8-11, 14-16 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Application Pub. No. 2002/0145160 to Lung in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,785,165 to Kawahara.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 7 into claim 1, and have incorporated the features of claim 12 into claim 8.

Claims 2-5 and 36 depend from claim 1 and claims 9-11 and 14-16 depend from claim 8. The dependent claims are allowable for the reasons given above for claims 1 and 8.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application including claims 1-5, 7-16 and 36 is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if he has any questions or comments in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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